

**UTAH AIR QUALITY BOARD  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
June 10, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.  
195 North 1950 West, Room 1015  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116**

**FINAL MINUTES**

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**I. Call-to-Order**

Steve Sands called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Board members present: Kathy Van Dame, Michael Smith, Steve Sands, Karma Thomson, Robert Paine, and Kerry Kelly (Board members in attendance by telephone)

Excused: Amanda Smith, Tammie Lucero, and Craig Petersen

Executive Secretary: Bryce Bird (attendance by telephone)

**II. Comment Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Tier 3 Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards Program.**

At the Board's June 5, 2013, meeting a motion passed for the Board to issue a letter in support of EPA's proposed Tier 3 Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards Program with a majority of Board members agreeing on final language of the letter. The Board had reviewed the draft letter by staff and also the National Association of Clean Air Agencies' comment letter to EPA. Dave McNeill, Planning Branch Manager at DAQ, facilitated all document edits.

Several changes to the draft letter included adding a defining sentence describing the Board as the rulemaking and policy setting body authorized by Utah statute, appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate.

Make the statement that the program is a crucial tool in attaining and maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in order to protect public health and maintain and enhance the quality of life for the people of the state. State that Utah faces recurrent episodic air quality challenges for ozone and PM<sub>2.5</sub> and the state currently has three non-attainment areas for PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. Also, the proposed Tier 3 Program will reduce the current Tier 2 vehicle emission standards for combined NO<sub>x</sub> and non-methane organic gas emissions standards by 80 percent.

Make a statement emphasizing that in addition to enabling advanced pollution technologies, the Board recognizes that the low-sulfur gasoline, 10 ppm, will also yield immediate and important emissions reduction in our existing fleet of vehicles beginning on the day the fuel becomes available and support penetration of this standard in the state as soon as possible.

Finally, adding the statement of recognizing the benefits of Tier 3 on mobile sources and encourage the final rule to allow minor increases of emissions from the production of low sulfur fuels to be offset by the reduction from mobile source fleet-wide emissions within

the nonattainment area. This offset would only be allowed following the application of best achievable control technology (BACT) or lowest achievable emissions reduction (LAER) on changes to the refining operations.

Mr. McNeill was asked to finalize the letter incorporating changes by the Board and send out the corrected letter on letterhead for Board review. The Board will meet again by telephone conferencing on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. for a final vote on the comment letter to EPA.

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 3, 2013